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MEMORANDUM FOR: Records Management Staff

SUBJECT:

Machine Sorting of Cards Held in the DD/P Vital

Materials

- 1. At the direction of the Clandestine Services Records Committee, this office is now regularly depositing a deck of machine cards into the DD/P Vital Materials holdings. This deck is actually being held at the Records Center because of obvious space limitations in the DD/P Vital Materials vaulted area. Current rate of accession of these cards is 25,000 per month or 150,000 semi-annually. At the present time no great increase is expected in this rate of accession.
- 2. These cards have not been sorted but require sorting alphabetically down to the <u>first five positions</u> at least once every six months, machine time approximately 60 hours. This sorting requirement will arise every six months and an additional new 150,000 card deck, with its 60 hours of machine time, will need sorting and integrating into the previous sorted deck. It is our understanding that these two decks cannot be collated mechanically because of the nature of the card. Reproducing ink on the back of each would smear and the usefulness of the card for DD/P purposes would be destroyed.

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